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## AG PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during December in Iowa was \$3.53 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up \$0.13 from the November price and \$0.33 above December 2017.

The December 2018 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.40 per bushel, was down \$0.09 from the November price and \$0.80 below the December 2017 price.

The December average **oat** price per bushel was \$3.40, down \$0.21 from November but \$0.27 above December 2017.

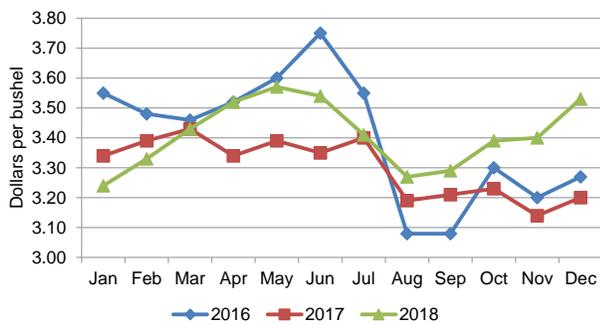
**All hay** prices in Iowa averaged \$138.00 per ton in December. This was up \$14.00 from the November price and up \$34.00 from the December 2017 price. The December 2018 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$145.00, up \$18.00 from the previous month and \$28.00 above December 2017. The average price received for **other hay** during December was \$128.00 per ton. This was up \$15.00 from the November price and \$45.00 above the December 2017 price.

The average price was \$16.30 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.20 from the November price and \$1.20 below one year ago. Prices received for **milk cows** for dairy herd replacement averaged \$1,080 per head as of January 1, 2019.

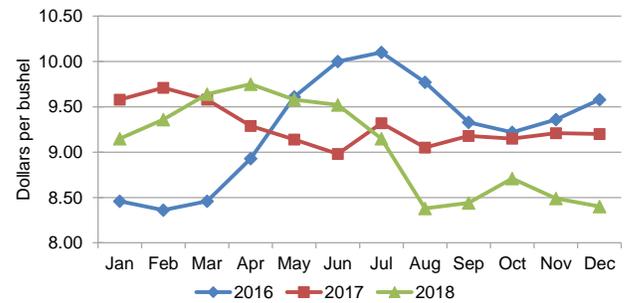
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## Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	December 2017	November 2018	December 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn .....bu	3.20	3.40	3.53	3.23	3.41	3.54
Hay, all, baled .....ton	104.00	124.00	138.00	137.00	161.00	164.00
Alfalfa .....ton	117.00	127.00	145.00	149.00	175.00	180.00
Other .....ton	83.00	113.00	128.00	119.00	137.00	140.00
Oats .....bu	3.13	3.61	3.40	2.94	2.72	2.77
Soybeans .....bu	9.20	8.49	8.40	9.30	8.37	8.57
Milk, all .....cwt	17.50	16.50	16.30	17.20	17.00	16.40
Milk cows <sup>1,2</sup> .....head	1,440.00	1,170.00	1,080.00	1,520.00	1,230.00	1,140.00

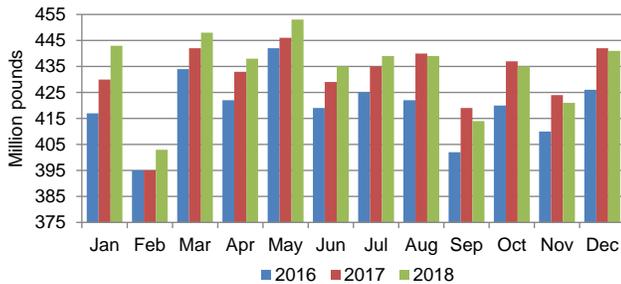
<sup>1</sup>Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

<sup>2</sup>Milk cow prices are for January 1, 2018, October 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019.

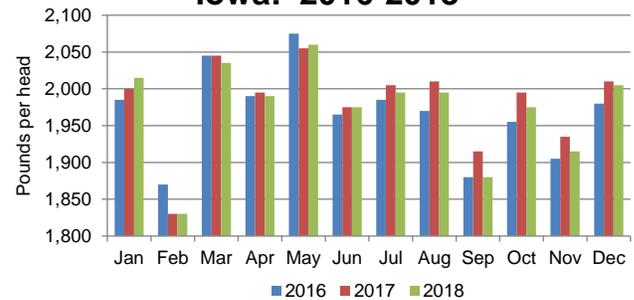
# MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during December 2018 totaled 441 million pounds, down fractionally from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds, down 5 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Iowa: 2016-2018**



## **Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2017 and 2018**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	203	205	2,110	2,060	428	422	-1.4
California .....	1,741	1,730	1,935	1,980	3,369	3,425	1.7
Colorado .....	166	178	2,225	2,195	369	391	6.0
Florida .....	124	116	1,675	1,665	208	193	-7.2
Idaho .....	600	614	2,010	2,060	1,206	1,265	4.9
Illinois .....	93	85	1,770	1,750	165	149	-9.7
Indiana .....	187	181	1,900	1,890	355	342	-3.7
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Kansas .....	153	161	1,965	1,970	301	317	5.3
Michigan .....	428	422	2,180	2,205	933	931	-0.2
Minnesota .....	456	450	1,810	1,850	825	833	1.0
New Mexico .....	332	325	2,075	2,060	689	670	-2.8
New York .....	625	625	1,950	1,990	1,219	1,244	2.1
Ohio .....	264	253	1,740	1,740	459	440	-4.1
Oregon .....	124	125	1,675	1,735	208	217	4.3
Pennsylvania .....	525	505	1,735	1,695	911	856	-6.0
South Dakota .....	118	122	1,865	1,900	220	232	5.5
Texas .....	515	542	2,000	1,990	1,030	1,079	4.8
Utah .....	97	100	1,935	1,920	188	192	2.1
Vermont .....	128	126	1,775	1,785	227	225	-0.9
Virginia .....	87	79	1,680	1,620	146	128	-12.3
Washington .....	274	280	1,975	2,025	541	567	4.8
Wisconsin .....	1,276	1,271	1,990	2,025	2,539	2,574	1.4
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,736</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>16,978</b>	<b>17,133</b>	<b>0.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

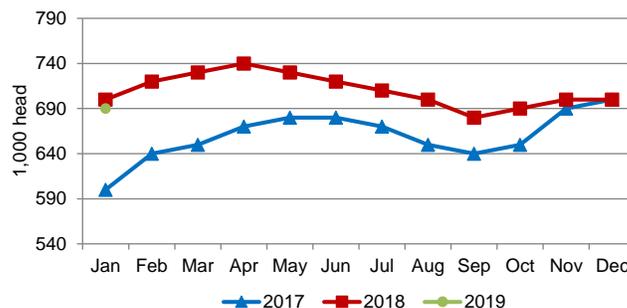
<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 690,000 head on January 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 1 percent from both December 1, 2018, and January 1, 2018.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 85,000 head, down 20 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. **Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 92,000 head, down 12 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head in Iowa totaled 3,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - Iowa: 2017-2019**



### **Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2017-2019**

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December other disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona.....	269	295	110	29	31	107	20	24	120	1	1	100
California.....	490	535	109	83	73	88	60	70	117	3	3	100
Colorado.....	970	1,010	104	120	145	121	135	140	104	5	5	100
Idaho.....	255	280	110	35	33	94	38	36	95	2	2	100
<b>Iowa.....</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas.....	2,290	2,330	102	400	395	99	405	410	101	15	15	100
Minnesota.....	160	155	97	21	12	57	15	16	107	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,610	2,560	98	460	410	89	425	430	101	15	20	133
Oklahoma.....	315	315	100	54	36	67	52	45	87	2	1	50
South Dakota....	250	245	98	32	50	156	39	40	103	3	5	167
Texas.....	2,640	2,730	103	385	410	106	385	345	90	20	15	75
Washington.....	210	225	107	27	27	100	30	36	120	2	1	50
Other States.....	330	320	97	53	60	113	50	57	114	3	3	100
United States....	11,489	11,690	102	1,799	1,767	98	1,752	1,741	99	74	75	101

<sup>1</sup> Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2018-2019**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2018	October 1, 2018	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2018	October 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	258	288	285	11	7	10
California .....	440	465	465	50	55	70
Colorado .....	565	550	570	405	430	440
Idaho .....	175	175	185	80	85	95
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>180</b>
Kansas .....	1,190	1,220	1,270	1,100	1,150	1,060
Minnesota .....	127	105	130	33	25	25
Nebraska .....	1,640	1,510	1,570	970	920	990
Oklahoma .....	185	185	180	130	140	135
South Dakota ...	145	115	135	105	100	110
Texas .....	1,730	1,650	1,640	910	1,010	1,090
Washington .....	140	140	140	70	80	85
Other States ....	210	190	200	120	115	120
United States....	7,335	7,093	7,280	4,154	4,307	4,410